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SUBJECT: REPLY TO LETTER FROM CONGRESSMAN WAXMAN

FOR SOBER (NEA FROM ATHERTON

REF: STATE 55021 (TOSEC 342)

1. FOLLOWING ARE MY REACTIONS TO CHANGES PROPOSED IN  
WAXMAN LETTER:

A. I HAVE SERIOUS DOUBTS ABOUT PROPOSED INSERT AT BEGINNING  
OF FOURTH PARAGRAPH. CONGRESSMAN'S QUERY IS DIRECTED  
SOLELY AT SAUDI ARABIA VISA POLICY, AND I THINK WE OPEN  
OURSELVES TO CRITICISM OF TRYING TO DODGE THE ISSUE IF  
WE SHIFT GROUND TO QUESTION OF POLICY OF OTHER ARAB  
GOVERNMENTS.

B. I SERIOUSLY DOUBT THAT ANY AMERICAN FOREIGN SERVICE

PERSONNEL OF JEWISH FAITH HAVE EVER BEEN ASSIGNED TO  
SAUDI ARABIA AND THEREFORE BELIEVE WE SHOULD STAY WITH  
ORIGINAL WORDING OF PARAGRAPH FIVE, WITH FOLLOWING  
ADDITIONAL SENTENCE: QUOTE: GENERALLY SPEAKING,  
JEWISH OFFICERS TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE HAVE NOT  
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SOUGHT ASSIGNMENTS TO COUNTRIES KNOWN TO PRACTICE

DISCRIMINATORY POLICIES AGAINST JEWS. END QUOTE. I  
WOULD DROP REMAINDER OF PROPOSED REVISION (QUOTE:  
MOREOVER, JEWISH OFFICERS... SUBSTANTIVE POSITIONS IN  
ARAB COUNTRIES END QUOTE), WHICH STRIKES ME AS AN  
UNSUPPORTABLE GENERALIZATION WHICH WE WOULD HAVE GREAT  
DIFFICULTY DEFENDING IF PRESSED. WE HAVE NO WAY OF  
KNOWING WHETHER THERE WOULD BE JEWISH OFFICERS WHO  
WOULD FIND SERVICE IN ARAB COUNTRIES ATTRACTIVE, AND  
WE WOULD CERTAINLY HAVE DIFFICULTY DEFENDING STATEMENT THAT  
WITHOUT ARABIC LANGUAGE TRAINING, MANY OFFICERS LACK  
PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS TO TAKE ON SUBSTANTIVE  
POSITIONS IN ARAB COUNTRIES. I CAN THINK OF TOO MANY  
EXAMPLES FROM PERSONAL EXPERIENCE WHICH DISPROVE THAT  
STATEMENT.

2. PLEASE ADD FOLLOWING AFTER SECOND SENTENCE OF THIRD  
PARAGRAPH OF LETTER TO WAXMAN TRANSMITTED IN DAMASCUS  
898 (SECTO 126): QUOTE: AS YOU HAVE CORRECTLY NOTED,  
OUR INTERVENTIONS HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN A NUMBER OF  
INSTANCES. UNQUOTE.  
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